

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application before this amendment.

In the office action, the reissue declaration filed with this application is considered as defective because it failed to identify the foreign application on which foreign priority is being claims as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.63(c). In response, the SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF INVENTOR IN REISSUE APPLICATION is attached hereto.

In the office action, the disclosure is objected. In response, the changes made to U.S. Patent No. 6,381,233 by a **Certificate of Correction** dated prior to the filing the present reissue application have been amended in this paper. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement including all references cited in U.S. Patent No. 6,381,233 has been filed January 26, 2006 as this was advised by the examiner.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-13 pending in this application are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action.

Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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